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What experiences and perspectives would you contribute to Town Meeting?
I have lived in Winchester for 17 years and raised my two children who are now in 10th and 12th grade at the high school. I was originally inspired to run with the risk of development of Wright-Locke Farm. I've been a Town Meeting Member since 2017 and have served even longer on the board of the Winchester Farmers' Market. I also started my neighborhood block party because I believe strong community connections matter. I care deeply about thoughtful, informed participation and contributing constructively locally. I recently graduated from Tufts with a PhD in environmental health, therefore I bring professional expertise in sustainability, public health, and evidence-based decision-making.
In my free time, you can find me hiking in the White Mountains, dancing to live music, enjoying hockey with my daughter, or reading books with my son- ask me about anything!

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What are two or three issues facing Winchester that you think are most important and what are your positions on them?

Development and Affordable Housing I really like the North Main Street Development Plan and look forward to see what happens. I hope to see more similar thoughtful designs in the future. We have to be proactive and encourage affordable housing to avoid unfriendly 40b projects.

What is a special challenge in your precinct that might not be faced in other precincts?

Precinct 3 is unique because it includes the downtown business district and the Winchester Commuter Rail Station.

Why should voters elect you to represent them?

I show up. My strength is I listen, and I respond when constituents reach out. I have an almost perfect attendance record at Town Meeting, and I'm open-minded to the different perspectives on each issue. My focus is on representing my neighbors thoughtfully.

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13 YEARS OF DATA, ONE SATURDAY: Takeaways from Winchester's override vote and the races that surrounded it

Winchester News reviewed precinct-level election results from every annual town election since 2014 — 13 years of data covering turnout, ballot questions, Select Board races, School Committee contests and Planning Board results — and compared them against the March 21 preliminary numbers. The 2026 results have not yet been certified by Town

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After Winchester voters rejected an $11.5 million Proposition 2 1/2 override on Election Day, March 21, the governing question in town has shifted from persuasion to arithmetic. Select Board member Bill McGonigle, who served on the Yes for Winchester campaign, said the defeat has changed how he approaches

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The biggest shakeup came in Precinct 7, where two officeholders lost in an 11-person contest, matching Precinct 4 for the busiest race.

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Winchester ZBA waives town regulations to move Washington/Swanton project along

Town officials have approved waivers of regulations for a residential/commercial development project at Washington and Swanton streets. The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) on March 19 approved the waivers for a 40B project at 278-292 Washington St. and 12 and 16-20 Swanton St. in a special meeting preceding a

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Network for Social Justice to celebrate 35th anniversary

The following was submitted by the Network for Social Justice: The Network For Social Justice turns 35 this spring! There will be a celebration on Saturday, April 11, from 7-9:30 p.m., at the Sons of Italy, 117 Swanton St., Winchester. Connect with your local friends and neighbors as

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Winchester Community Music School presents Jazz Jam Session

The following was submitted by the Winchester Community Music School: On Saturday, March 28, join the community at Winchester Community Music School, 407 Highland Ave., for a Jazz Jam Session, an afternoon of fun, spontaneous jazz playing, beginning at 3 p.m. Instrumentalists and vocalists of all skill levels are

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